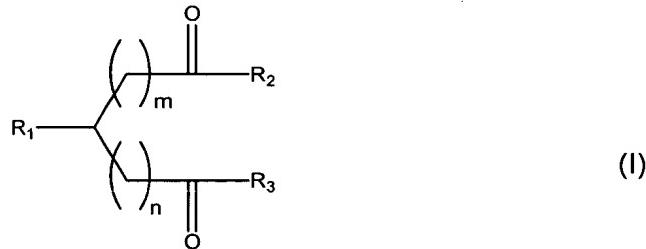


## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A process for the production of a fuel composition having a NACE corrosion rating of between 0% and 25%, comprising the steps of:

(i) contacting a fuel with a corrosion inhibitor of formula (I) to provide an initial fuel composition



wherein m and n are each independently an integer from 0 to 10;

wherein R<sub>1</sub> is an optionally substituted hydrocarbyl group;

wherein

either R<sub>2</sub> is OR<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> is OR<sub>5</sub>, wherein R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are selected from hydrogen and hydrocarbyl-OH and wherein at least one of R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen;

or R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> together represent —O—;

and

(ii) contacting the initial fuel composition with a caustic material to provide the fuel composition without subsequent addition of a corrosion inhibitor.

2. (Original) A process according to claim 1 wherein m and n are each independently an integer from 0 to 5.

3. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1-~~or 2~~ wherein one of m and n is 0 and the other of m and n is 1.

4. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 1,~~—2 or 3~~ wherein R<sub>1</sub> is an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group.

5. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is an optionally substituted alkyl or alkenyl group.

6. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is an optionally substituted branched alkyl or alkenyl group.

7. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a polyisobut enyl group.
8. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> has between 10 and 200 carbon atoms.
9. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> has between 12 and 32 carbon atoms.
10. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> has a molecular weight of from 250 to 400.
11. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> has a molecular weight of approximately 260 or approximately 360.
12. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is OR<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> is OR<sub>5</sub>.
13. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are selected from hydrogen and (C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>2x</sub>)-OH wherein x is an integer of at least 1.
14. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are selected from hydrogen and (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>y</sub>-OH wherein y is an integer of at least 1.
15. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are both hydrogen.
16. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein one of m and n is 0 and the other of m and n is 1, R<sub>1</sub> is a polyisobut enyl group with a molecular weight of approximately 260 or 360, R<sub>2</sub> is OR<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> is OR<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are both hydrogen.
17. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein, in step (i), the fuel is treated with 1 to 20 ptb of a corrosion inhibitor of formula (I).

18. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~  
claim 1 wherein, in step (i), the fuel is treated with 1 to 10 ptb of a corrosion inhibitor of formula (I).

19. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~  
claim 1 wherein, in step (ii), the caustic material is an alkaline solution.

20. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~  
claim 1 wherein, in step (ii), the caustic material is a 0.001% - 30% w/w alkaline solution.

21. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~  
claim 1 wherein, in step (ii), the caustic material is a 1% - 10% w/w alkaline solution.

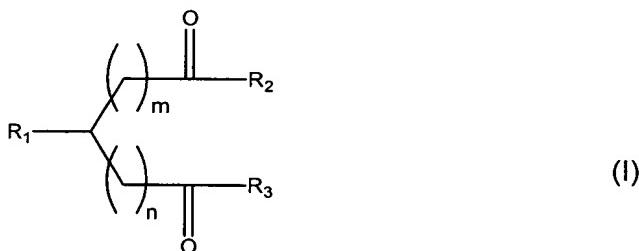
22. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~  
claim 1 wherein, in step (ii), the caustic material is NaOH(aq) or KOH(aq).

23. (Currently Amended) A process according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~  
claim 1 wherein, in step (ii), the caustic material is NaOH(aq).

24. (Currently Amended) A fuel composition obtained or obtainable by ~~a~~ the process  
according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ of claim 1.

25. (Original) A method of inhibiting corrosion on a metal surface exposed to a fuel comprising the steps of:

(i) contacting the fuel with a corrosion inhibitor of formula (I) to provide an initial fuel composition



wherein m and n are each independently an integer from 0 to 10;

wherein R<sub>1</sub> is an optionally substituted hydrocarbyl group;

wherein

either R<sub>2</sub> is OR<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> is OR<sub>5</sub>, wherein R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> are selected from hydrogen and hydrocarbyl-OH and wherein at least one of R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> is hydrogen;

or R<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> together represent —O—;

- (ii) contacting the initial fuel composition with a caustic material to provide a fuel composition; and
- (iii) exposing the metal surface to the fuel composition.

Claims 26-31 (canceled).